Sukkot/Sukkos is a time of family gatherings with special foods, songs, and customs. However, when hot water and candles are used, there is an increased risk for fires and fire related injuries.

**KEEP YOUR SUKKOT/SUKKOS HOLIDAY JOYFUL AND SAFE BY TAKING PRECAUTIONS.**

**CANDLE SAFETY CHECK LIST**

- Keep candles at least 4 feet away from curtains, draperies, decorations, blinds and bedding.
- Never place candles under any cabinets – whether in the kitchen or dining room.
- Use sturdy candleholders.
- Use candles with flame protective non-combustible shades or globes.
- Place candles out of reach of small children and pets.
- Never leaving burning candles unattended.

**PREPARING THE KITCHEN**

- Do not leave your oven unattended while the oven is on or in the self-cleaning cycle.
- Take precautions when handling hot and boiling water. Use oven mitts or potholders.
- Create a “kid-free safety zone” of at least 3-feet from the front of the stove and away from the Blech.

**PREPARING FOR SUKKOT/SUKKOS**

While cooking,

- stay in the kitchen, don’t leave cooking food unattended.
- wear short or tight fitting sleeves. (Long loose sleeves are more likely to catch on fire or get caught on pot handles.)
- don’t become distracted.
- maintain the “kid-free zone” of 3 feet around your stove. Turn pot handles inward facing the wall to prevent burns caused by overturning or spills.
- keep the area around the stove clear of towels, papers, pot holders or anything that could burn.
- have a pot lid handy to smother a pan fire. **Do not attempt to pick up the pot or pan.** Shut off the heat and cover the fire with a lid.
- **DO NOT USE WATER!** It will cause splashing and spread the fire.
- Treat burns immediately with cool running water and seek medical attention.

**FDNY TOP THREE FIRE SAFETY TIPS**

1. INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
2. HAVE A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN
3. CONDUCT A SAFETY INSPECTION

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**Special Burn & Scald Prevention Tips for: Sukkas/Sukkot**

- **Extension cords** – should be new and specifically designed to be used outdoors. Do not overload the wall circuit or the extension cord. Tape extension cords down so that no one trips over them.

- **Heaters** – be cautious about using them. Children and animals can tip them over easily.

- **Candles in the Sukkah** – When they are lit, do not leave alone, even for “just a moment.” The wind, animals, or small children can easily knock them over.

- **Electric Lights** – do not place high wattage lights next to *Shach* or anything else flammable.

  Be extremely careful when bringing hot food and beverages into and out of the Sukkah. It is easy to trip and get scalded.

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**Chagim and Three Day Yuntifs/Yomim Tovim:**

Two and three day *Yuntifs/Yomim Tovim* are high risk times for burns and scalds. There is more hot food and hot water around the house. There are many more Shabbas, Yom Tov, and Yahrzeit candles than normal.

Often there are guests in the house, including children. Teach them about the **No Zone**.